

## *What is a book talk?*

A book talk is a 60 second review of a book. It tells the main points of what a book is about. These are things usually named in a book talk:

Title	Author	Setting
Characters	Plot	Rising Action

Notice that a conclusion (ending) is not usually told in a book talk. You don't want to share all of the books contents, but give the listener a good idea of what the book is about.

You need to be brief, but not too brief! Make sure you tell the main events of the story and give a well-rounded summary.

Using a strong voice is very important. Show that you are excited about your book. That will be the one thing that will get other kids to read your book. If you are not enthusiastic about what you read then nobody else will be either.

Our first book talk will be on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> during our volunteer day. We need you to review the books that you have read so far, and choose one that you think other kids will like.

**THIS IS A VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY** which means only those that wish to share, will. Everyone will learn to book talk, but only a few will share. You might not share this month, but maybe next month you might change your mind.

Practice, practice, practice! You can read off a note card, but make sure you know your book.